NORTHGLENN POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEMORANDUM #13-07

Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council members

FROM:

TO:

John Pick, City Manager

James S. May, Chief of Polic

DATE:

August 12th, 2013

SUBJECT:

CR-76, Acceptance of 2013 JAG Grant Funds

BACKGROUND:

The Northglenn Police Department applies for and receives grant funding from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) each year. The grant amount varies from year to year, is formula-based, and allocated to the municipalities based on several factors determined by the Department of Justice. The Northglenn Police Department will receive \$10,190.00 for 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

There has been little funding to repair or replace broken or out-dated radio equipment-specifically our Records Section base station radio system. In November, our dispatching entity, Adams County Communications (also known as ADCOM) will move forward with a minor conversion rendering the base station inoperable on the current frequency.

Our intention is to use allocated 2013 JAG funds for an APX6500 base station radio. This will enable our in-house personnel to continue to connect to officers in the field. Any remaining funds will be used for additional mobile radio repair or replacement.

This equipment will aid the Northglenn Police Department to improve field patrol operations and criminal investigations performed by staff. The Police Department has not budgeted city funds to purchase the base station.

We are committed to the concept of technology improvements for law-enforcement officers and believe the use of this funding will serve our community the best. Staff recommends accepting the JAG funds for 2013.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:

No matching funds are required. See Finance Director Jason Loveland.

STAFF REFERENCE:

If Council members have any comments or questions they may contact Chief Jim May, 303/450-8967, jmay@northglenn.org or Commander Jeremy Sloan 303/450-8854, jsloan@northglenn.org.

Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

FY 2013 Local Solicitation

Program Narrative:

The City of Northglenn has suffered significant sales tax shortfalls over the last few years. As a result, the Northglenn Police Department has minimal increases to the police department annual operating budget.

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Our intention is to use allocated 2013 JAG funds for an APX6500 base station radio. This will enable our personnel to connect to officers in the field. Any remaining funds will be used for technology improvements to include mobile radio repair or replacement.

This equipment will aid the Northglenn Police Department to improve field patrol operations and criminal investigations performed by staff. The City has had no local funds to purchase this item. This technology and strategy improvement in the technology area will serve to reduce crime and violence.

We are committed to the concept of technology improvements for law-enforcement officers and believe the use of this funding in this way will serve our community better. The City of Northglenn is seeking permission to use our JAG funds in this way.

FY 2013 BJA Justice Assistance Grant Budget

NAME: City of Northglenn, Application

TITLE OF PROJECT: 2013 Base and Mobile Radio Replacement Project

Budget:

A. APX 6500 Base Station Replacement:\$5,078.50B. Radio Repair/Replacement XTS 2500/5000\$5,111.50

Total: \$10,190.00

FY 2013 BJA Justice Assistance Grant Abstract

NAME: City of Northglenn, Application # 2013-H4405-CO-DJ

TITLE OF PROJECT: 2013 Northglenn Records Section-Base Radio Replacement System

GOALS OF PROJECT: To reduce area crime and violence; to meet unfunded public safety needs.

DESCRIPTION OF STRATEGIES: The City of Northglenn, Colorado will use grant funding to the base radio system currently used by non-sworn civilian staff to communicate with officers in the field regarding warrant confirmation, driver's license status, and criminal history information. The project goal is to improve communications through the use of the new radio as the currently one will become obsolete in the fall with a technology change made by our dispatch center (ADCOM). The objectives will be difficult to measure, but zero radio communications will take place unless we replace out this system. Collectively, these strategies meet unfunded needs and will serve to reduce area crime and violence.

PROJECT IDENTIFIERS: Equipment - Radio

July 5th, 2013

RE: Public Notice on the Local Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The City has been notified that the Police Department is eligible for a **local** grant award from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$10,190.00. These grants can be used to fund state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, police and technical equipment, supplies, contractual support and information systems for criminal justice.

Our intention is to use allocated 2013 JAG funds for technology improvements-specifically to replace our base radio system in the Records Section and other general radio repair.

The federal application process requires that the governing body be provided access to the application, should they wish to review it. This access must be provided not less than 30 days prior to the date the application is submitted. Should you wish to review this application please contact Commander Jeremy Sloan at 303-450-8854 or isloan@northglenn.org.

Sincerely,

Jim May Chief of Police

cc: David Willett, Acting City Manager

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DOWNING COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION RESOLUTION NO. No._____CR-76 Series of 2013 Series of 2013 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN. COLORADO, THAT: The City Council of the City of Northglenn hereby accepts a grant award from Section 1. the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program submitted by the Northglenn Police Department in the amount of \$10,190.00 to be used for technology improvements to include the purchase of an APX6500 base station radio and additional mobile radio repair or replacement within the Police Department. DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this day of , 2013. JOYCE DOWNING Mayor ATTEST: JOHANNA SMALL, CMC City Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM: COREY Y. HOFFMANN

City Attorney